GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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UNIFORM IN EDITORIAL POLICY
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to bring out a uniform editorial policy for both in- house and private news Bulletins on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to restore the freedom of Doordarshan listeners?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): News Bulletins are produced in-house and are not out-sourced. Doordarshan is guided by the News policy for broadcast media recommended in Parthasarthy Committee Report.

(c): Doordarshan/Prasar Bharati have already been provided full freedom to provideinformation/ news, based on the factual happenings of various important events from time to time based on their news value.